

MULTIDISCIPLINARY PROTOCOL FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF CHILD ABUSE



NAVAJO COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

JUNE 2012- JUNE 2013

SUMMARY:

ARS §§8-817 REQUIRES EACH COUNTY TO SUBMIT A REPORT BASED UPON ACTIVITY UNDER THE "MULTIDISCIPLINARY PROTOCOL FOR THE INVESTIGATION OF CHILD ABUSE." NAVAJO COUNTY LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES AND THE NAVAJO COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE HAVE TRACKED THE NUMBERS OF THESE CASES BETWEEN JUNE 2012 – JUNE 2013.

NAVAJO COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE (NCAO) ACTIVITY CHART:

THE CHART BELOW REPRESENTS NCAO'S CRIMINAL CONDUCT ALLEGATIONS RELATED TO INVESTIGATIONS OF CHILD ABUSE, INCLUDING MULTIPLE ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES.

NAVAJO COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE	SUBMITTALS BY A.R.S CHARGE	CRIMINAL CONDUCT ALLEGATION CHARGES FILED	CASES NOT CHARGED	CASES PENDING CHARGING	DISPOSITION BY A.R.S CHARGE
<u>TOTAL CASES</u>	99	44	44	11	13

SUBMITTALS BY A.R.S CHARGE:

NUMBER OF CASES TOTAL (99) SUBMITTED BY LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES FOR REVIEW. (PLEASE SEE PAGE 2 FOR INCLUDED AGENCIES)

CRIMINAL CONDUCT ALLEGATION CHARGES FILED:

(44) THIS NUMBER REPRESENTS CASES THAT WERE SUBMITTED AND CHARGED BY NCAO.

CASES NOT CHARGED:

44 CASES WERE NOT CHARGED; CAN INCLUDE CASES THAT WERE RETURNED TO LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR FURTHER INVESTIGATION, LACK OF EVIDENCE, COMBINED WITH ANOTHER CASE, OR REFERRED TO ANOTHER AGENCY FOR PROSECUTION.

DISPOSITIONS:

A TOTAL OF 13 CASES HAVE BEEN COMPLETED BY CONVICTION.

NAVAJO COUNTY LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT PARTICIPANTS IN MDT, JUNE 2012 – JUNE 2013

AGENCY	TOTAL # OF CASES INVESTIGATED	# OF CASES SENT TO NCAO	# OF CASES JOINTLY INVESTIGATED WITH NCAO(EST.)	# OF CASES STILL UNDER INVESTIGATION
NAVAJO COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE	41	12	25	8
HOLBROOK POLICE DEPARTMENT	31	14	17	9
WINSLOW POLICE DEPARTMENT	82	45	20	3
SHOW LOW POLICE DEPARTMENT	29	10	15	5
SNOWFLAKE/TAYLOR POLICE DEPARTMENT	30	13	15	4
PINETOP/LAKESIDE POLICE DEPARTMENT	26	5	5	2
TOTALS	239 CASES INVESTIGATED IN NAVAJO COUNTY FOR CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN	99 CASES THAT WERE SENT TO THE COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR REVIEW	97 CASES ESTIMATED, THAT WERE JOINTLY INVESTIGATED BY NCAO AND LOCAL AGENCY	31 CASES ARE STILL OPEN AND ARE PENDING INVESTIGATION

NAVAJO COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE GOALS AND IMPROVEMENTS FOR THE COMING YEAR:

- CONTINUE TO IMPROVE OUR MULTIDISCIPLINARY TEAM.
- CONTINUE TO CONDUCT OUR MONTHLY MDT MEETINGS.
- CONTINUE TO FULLY UTILIZE OUR FAMILY ADVOCACY CENTERS.
- WORK CLOSER WITH OUR LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES.
- ENCOURAGE MORE USAGE OF OUR FAMILY ADVOCACY CENTER BY LAW ENFORCEMENT AND CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICES.
- DEVELOPE A TEAM OF VOLUNTEERS TO BECOME TRAINED VICTIM ADVOCATES.
- CREATE A NEW AND UPDATED DATA SPREADSHEET TO TRACK SPECIFIC CASES INVOLVING CRIMES AGAINST CHILDREN.
- ENCOURAGE MORE CASES FROM AGENCIES TO BE SENT IN TO THE NAVAJO COUNTY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE FOR REVIEW

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